

## The City of Morgantown

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## **Morgantown Market Place Grand Opening Set**

A long summer of construction culminates into a Grand Opening Ceremony set for later this month.



MORGANTOWN – Farmers' Market patrons and drivers will soon be able to enjoy the city's newest venue and parking area: the Morgantown Market Place.

A Grand Opening Ceremony has been set for Saturday, September 22, 2012, at 8 a.m., and all public is invited.

The lot has been the site of the Downtown Farmers' Market in the past, but this year, it has been held at the lot behind Daniel's on Chestnut Street, patiently awaiting its premiere pavilion.

This Saturday, September 8, will be the last Saturday that the Farmers' Market will be held in its temporary location. Next weekend, September 15, will be the first Market under the new roof. It opens with an official bell ringing at 8:30 a.m., now marked by the large clock on the front of the pavilion façade.

The Market Place does serve a second purpose. It has served as a convenient parking location downtown, and will continue to be such when it opens. It will reopen to drivers on Monday, September 10. Because of its "parking lot" designation, the facility will be managed by the Morgantown Parking Authority. (The Farmers' Market is managed by the Growers' Association.)

The Morgantown Market Place features a pavilion, masonry donor wall with engraved plaques, locations for bike racks, a Main Street Morgantown Directory, as well as six bay windows.

Main Street Morgantown is leading a fundraising campaign for the Market Place. All donations are welcome, but with a generous \$500 gift, donors names will be set in bronze on the masonry donor wall. More information regarding donations can be found on its website at <a href="http://www.downtownmorgantown.com/mmp/">http://www.downtownmorgantown.com/mmp/</a>.

You can watch construction happen live with our Marketplace Web Cam at <a href="http://axis-724d19.axiscam.net/view/index.shtml">http://axis-724d19.axiscam.net/view/index.shtml</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager's office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The number there is (304) 284-7405.